



Washington State Conservation Commission

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MISSION, VISION AND AGENCY VALUES

MISSION

The mission of Washington State Conservation Commission is to lead the citizens of the state in the wise stewardship, conservation, and protection of soil, water, and related natural resources on private lands by providing structure and leadership for good governance by the conservation districts to provide education, technical assistance, and implementation of land management practices.

VISION

- The landscape reflects good stewardship.
- The Conservation Commission is the independent and balanced organization of choice to implement stewardship in the state of Washington with conservation districts and partner organizations.

VALUES

The Conservation Commission respects and honors both private and public land, as well as resources and people. We demonstrate this by valuing:

Healthy, diverse landscapes	Voluntary, incentive-based activities & solutions on working lands that reflect local and community priorities
Partnerships at local, state, federal and Tribal levels	Diverse ideas and cultures
Accountability	Natural resource based industries and their economic contribution
Highest personal and organizational integrity and ethical standards for WSCC members, staff, and conservation districts	Good policy and governance
Open communications	Pride in land stewardship



WSCC GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES

Protect and enhance Washington State's natural resource systems by utilizing the unique, local conservation program delivery system of the Conservation Commission and 48 Conservation Districts with private land managers.

OBJECTIVES

- Make available to private land owners/managers the technical, financial and educational resources needed for total resource management conservation plan development and conservation practice implementation in high priority watershed areas of the state

Increase the match grant funds that can be utilized as seed money to secure additional local, state, and federal funding sources for natural resource improvements. As well as meet the statutory requirements for funding conservation districts in RCW 89.08.410.

OBJECTIVES

- Increase the basic match grants to Conservation Districts so that they can increase the amount of funding available to leverage the additional dollars needed to fund the improvement projects
- Utilize the 48 Annual Plans required from districts to provide the support for increasing the available funds to meet the statutory requirements in 89.08 RCW to fund the projects described

Each of the 48 Conservation Districts will be provided training and assistance from the Conservation Commission to be successful in the local community.

OBJECTIVES

- Improve business operation efficiencies
- Improve local involvement in elections
- Improve accountability and reporting of implementation and investments
- Assist in District planning and capacity building to better reflect needs of resources in local level
- Improve financial management and grants administration utilizing approved and appropriate accounting standards

Promote conservation and raise awareness of the role the Conservation Commission and Conservation Districts play in improving natural resources in concert with private landowners in Washington State.

OBJECTIVES

- Create an external communication document that illustrates improvements in land and resource stewardship through implementation
- Strengthen awareness of voluntary incentive-based conservation through Conservation Districts

The Conservation Commission will have a clear, concise, and timely policy and procedure adoption for all grant programs and legislative action.

OBJECTIVES

- Ensure that actions of the Conservation Commission are based upon policy that has gone through a client comment and review, these actions will be sound, legal, and defensible
- All programmatic and legislative actions have client comment and review

Build opportunities for district supervisors and employees to participate in advancing conservation as well as raising awareness of the role of the Conservation Commission and Conservation Districts in providing assistance to landowners to improve natural resources.

OBJECTIVES

- Broaden understanding of goals and roles of the Conservation Commission in promoting natural resource conservation and improvement
- Establish coalitions to assist in addressing economic vitality and natural resource issues
- Improve educational opportunities for district supervisors and district employees